

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
FOR THE YEAR 1864.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

IN compliance with the laws of the State, the subscribers, Commissioners for Hillsborough County, herewith present their Annual Report of the Financial affairs of the County, so far as we have any control of the expenditures, for the year ending January 17, 1865.

There has been no year since the County Farm was purchased to compare with the past year so far as relates to the great increased cost of every article of consumption, clothing and fuel, requisite and necessary for the support and maintenance of the county paupers. Although the expenditures for the year past for the support of paupers at the almshouse has been slightly increased, yet not in proportion to the increased cost of all articles of consumption used here.

The Farm has been less productive this year in consequence of the great drouth of the season. The crop of hay was very light indeed.

There has been built the past year fifty-eight rods thick stone wall, substantial and permanent; also, twenty-five rods common stone wall. The reservoir from which the buildings and boiler are supplied with water, has been very much enlarged during the dry season, and will in future afford a sufficient supply of excellent water for family purposes. The improvements generally upon the farm and buildings this year have been very creditable to the Superintendent, Mr. GEO. G. BUMPUS, whom

we are happy to say has faithfully and successfully discharged the arduous and important duties of his station to our satisfaction, and with profit to the county.

Mr. FRANK S. DODGE, the Assistant Superintendent, is entitled to and deserving of our confidence and approbation for the able and faithful discharge of the difficult duties of his station.

The general arrangement and appearance of all the various departments of the house inside seem to be complete in every detail, exhibiting capacity, skill and industry; showing every one who visits here that the lady who presides has a place for everything and everything in its place; also, that the unfortunate poor who are compelled to seek a home here, are dealt with by kind hands and feeling hearts.

Chapter 2247 of the laws of the State, "authorizing the establishment of a school or schools at the Hillsborough County Farm," provides "that said Commissioners shall not expend annually more than seventy-five dollars for teachers' wages, exclusive of board." We have a very good school room at the almshouse, and the school is in successful operation. It will be observed by the figures following, that the average attendance is between thirty and forty scholars, and most of them are under the age of eleven years. It is apparent that the sum of seventy-five dollars a year is insufficient to procure suitable instruction for thirty or forty scholars. We earnestly hope that our County Representative Convention will, next June, use their influence to have the law amended, allowing the Commissioners to expend a larger sum for school purposes. Most of the school children can do but little or no work on the farm to advantage, and require an active, capable person to see to them,—to correct their habits and exercise a moral influence over them, preparing them to enter upon the active duties of life with good habits and characters early formed; thus conferring a great blessing upon the children and the community at large. By continuing the school nearly the whole year, less help will be required to take care of the children, and therefore will not increase the expenses at the Farm but a trifle, if any.

The school is under the instruction of Mrs. J. M. DODGE, who appears to have all the requisites of a good and successful teacher,—observing good order and discipline, taking a deep interest in promoting the welfare and prosperity of the school.—

With the opportunity we have had to judge, we think the scholars have made commendable progress in their studies,—perhaps as much as in primary schools in general.

During the freshet in March last, a large embankment of the N. H. Central Railroad was carried away, covering several acres of the best land of the farm with sand and rubbish,—in some places more than three feet deep—in consequence of which the course of the brook running through said land has been entirely changed. The piece thus injured is as good grass producing land as there is on the farm, and will be entirely worthless for all farming purposes until the sand and dirt is removed therefrom. We have the positive assurance of Hon. N. G. Upham and Hon. J. A. Gilmore, President and Superintendent of the road, that they will cause the same to be removed at an early day. We have no doubt the matter will be adjusted early in the spring.

COUNTY FARM REPORT.

There has been paid out this year as follows :

For agricultural and mechanical tools,	\$189 11
“ Crockery and tin ware,	85 19
“ Cheese and eggs,	27 40
“ Dry goods and clothing,	385 12
“ Flour,—183 barrels,	1703 00
“ Fresh and salt fish,	447 70
“ Furniture,	5 56
“ Hay and grain,	771 91
“ Improvements,	158 45
“ Live stock,	1884 68
“ Medicines and medical attendance,	206 24
“ Meats and provisions,	975 61
“ Plaster, lime, ashes, &c.,	190 86
“ Repairs,	302 67
“ Services and wages,	2271 04
“ Sundries,	63 91
“ Shoes and boots,	217 73
“ Smith work,	92 21
“ Stationery, postage, and books,	32 02
“ Seed,	37 40
“ Taxes and insurance,	260 88
“ Transportation of freight,	262 53
“ West India goods and groceries,	943 91
“ Wooden ware, brooms, &c.,	26 50
“ Wood and coal,	618 23
“ White oak and pine lumber,	101 25

\$12261 10

STATEMENT NO. 1.

Amount of cash paid out,	\$12261 10
Interest on Farm,	1000 00
Commissioners' expenses,	150 00
	\$13411 10
Inventory of personal property,	
Jan. 17, 1865,	\$14949 48
Inventory Jan. 17, 1864,	14342 90
Excess for 1865 over 1864,	\$606 58
Produce and stock sold,	3223 99
Note of Wm. Richardson (for supporting paupers),	125 00— 3955 57
Total expense of paupers at farm,	\$9455 53
Dividing by 138 2-13ths, the average weekly number, we have as the cost of each inmate for one year,	\$68 44
Dividing by 52, the number of weeks, we have as the average weekly cost,	\$1 31 $\frac{5}{8}$

STATEMENT NO. 2.

Cash drawn from the treasury and expended for the purposes above stated,	\$9037 11
Dividing by 138 2-13ths, the average weekly number, we have as the cost of each inmate for one year,	\$65 48 $\frac{28}{100}$
Dividing by 52, the number of weeks, we have as the average weekly cost,	\$1 25 $\frac{92}{100}$

STATEMENT NO. 3.

Total cash paid out at farm:

Cash drawn from the treasury,	\$9037 11
Cash received from all other sources and expended at the farm,	3223 99
Amount drawn and expended as above,	\$12261 10
Dividing by 138 2-13ths, the average weekly number, we have as the cost of each inmate one year,	88 74
Dividing by 52, the number of weeks, we have as the average weekly cost,	1 70

It will be observed that the difference of forty-five cents in the weekly cost, as estimated by these three methods, is in consequence of there being a large quantity of provisions and clothing now on hand which was purchased with this money.

Statement No. 2 shows the exact amount drawn from the Treasury and the actual annual cost to the county of each inmate at Farm, excluding interest on the amount invested in real estate and personal property.

INVENTORY.

3 Horses,	\$475 00
1 Pair Oxen,	180 00
12 Cows,	588 00
21 Hogs,	438 00
5 Sheep,	40 00
	\$1721 00
2 Wood Wagons,	145 00
1 Night Wagon,	80 00
1 Gig Wagon,	30 00
1 Covered Wagon,	70 00
1 Express "	65 00
1 Lumber "	60 00
1 Pair Wheels,	7 00
4 Ox Carts,	145 00
2 Hay Racks,	10 00
1 Stone Body,	7 00
1 Roller,	20 00
4 Ox sleds,	28 00
1 Two-horse sled,	35 00
6 Drags,	30 00
1 Pung sleigh,	10 00
1 Single sleigh,	10 00
1 Two-seated sleigh,	50 00
1 Two-horse sleigh,	40 00
1 Mowing machine,	100 00

16 Plows and points,	92 00
3 Harrows and 4 cultivators,	30 00
1 Iron scraper,	5 00
4 Wheelbarrows,	12 00
32 Shovels, 31 hoes,	22 50
16 Manure forks, 7 picks,	27 00
8 Iron bars, 3 stone hammers,	13 00
8 Iron rakes, 6 sod hoes,	9 00
Drills, points, and jackscrews,	7 00
Cant hooks, wagon jack, and wrenches,	4 00
Cattle ties, and trace chains,	2 00
Evener and whiffletrees,	3 00
Pruning-hook, and scraper,	1 50
Ice hooks, slide and tongs,	4 00
19 Pitchforks, 20 rakes, 3 large rakes,	20 00
1 Seed sower, 1 corn planter,	6 00
1 Corn sheller,	6 00
29 Stone, draught and stake chains,	41 50
62 Meal bags, 5 produce boxes,	33 50
Meat bench, rack, axe, and saw,	6 50
7 Harnesses,	135 00
Hames, collar and breast-plate,	5 25
Saddle, bridle, and 2 whips,	5 75
4 Buffalo robes,	40 00
3 Horse blankets, brushes and combs,	9 00
4 Halters,	4 00
3 Hay-cutters, 7 ox muzzles,	14 25
Winnowing mill, and measures,	6 50
2 Grain cradles, 3 bush scythes,	7 00
20 Scythes, 14 snaths,	17 00
4 Grind-stones,	14 50
20 Axes,	14 00
164 Hay caps,	328 00
80 Vine boxes,	13 00
1 Root cutter,	6 00
Hot-house windows,	10 00
6 Wood saws,	4 50
1 Cross-cut saw,	6 00
Corn cutters, and sickles,	4 50
17 Baskets,	2 00
10 Ox yokes,	30 00
Valves and pipe couplings,	40 00
7 Hog troughs,	5 00
217 feet of ladders,	17 36
1 Steelyard,	1 00
1 Platform scale,	20 00
1 Hay scale,	125 00
Bellows and piper's tongs,	15 00

Anvil and tools,	15 00
Work bench and vice,	6 00
Charcoal,	15 00
2 Ventilators,	5 00
14 Coffins,	31 00
2 Pumps,	6 00
Lot tin pipe,	5 00
Lot brick,	4 00
97 lbs. tobacco,	165 00
Hardware,	17 00
	\$2356 11
49 Bedsteads and bedding,	647 00
58 Single bedsteads and bedding,	592 00
8 Bunks and bedding,	16 00
Bed clothing,	294 00
Other furniture,	226 02
Crockery and tin ware,	132 77
New ready-made clothing,	278 81
Old clothing,	285 00
Dry goods,	85 75
	\$2557 35
93 lbs. Sugar,	\$21 90
Saleratus,	10 98
25 lbs. Tea,	26 20
154½ lbs. Coffee,	22 37
34 lbs. Black pepper and ginger,	10 76
11 lbs. Rice and cream tartar,	2 90
14 Papers Cassia,	2 80
15 lbs. Starch, 1½ lbs. chocolate,	2 40
3-4ths bbl. Crackers,	4 13
30 lbs. Raisins, and mutton tallow,	7 62
1 lb. Irish moss, ½ lb. nutmegs,	1 00
4 lbs. Mustard-seed and hops,	90
90 lbs. Tallow,	18 00
225 lls. Candles,	37 50
5 Bags salt,	16 85
55 lbs. Butter,	27 50
10 Bushels Apples,	10 00
194 lbs. Lard,	48 50
¾ bush. Hominy,	1 00
125 lbs. Tripe,	12 50
Mince meat and preserves,	9 40
57 lbs. Cheese,	10 08
12 Galls, molasses and maple syrup,	9 50

8 Cans milk, 1 jar pickles,	4 50
167 lbs. Bacon,	36 74
11 bbls. salt pork,	462 00
1 bbl. Shoulders,	30 00
1 bbl. Hams,	40 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. Hogs' heads,	8 00
109 lbs. Fresh pork,	19 00
34 bbls. Salt beef,	816 00
72 lbs. Fresh beef,	7 20
Soft soap and soap grease,	13 00
43 lbs. Hard soap,	9 70
1500 lbs. Salt fish,	82 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. Pickles,	2 50
64 3-4ths bbls. Flour,	712 25
52 bushels Corn meal,	109 15
1 " Buckwheat,	2 00
1350 " Potatoes,	1080 00
150 " Carrots,	75 00
140 " Turnips,	70 00
10 " Beets,	7 50
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Barley,	9 75
200 " Oats,	200 00
327 " Corn,	686 00
3 " Rye,	6 00
5 " White beans,	15 00
3-4th " Seed beans,	8 00
2 " Peas,	4 00

\$4825 58

14 2-5ths tons English hay,	431 70
2 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons Meadow hay,	34 60
2 " Rye straw,	40 00
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Oat straw,	68 00
1 " Corn fodder and barley straw,	10 00

\$584 30

182 Cords wood,	829 00
163 Cords manure,	896 50
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbls. Phosphate lime,	11 00
2 Casks lime,	3 20
3 Casks cement,	7 20

\$1746 90

Carpenter's and cooper's tools,	20 00
Casks and barrels,	32 25

Steam pipe,	30 00
Old iron and lead,	26 75
Grass seed,	3 00
Lumber,	144 00
Wheel grease,	3 00
Twine, brushes, leather, &c.,	9 00
One iron safe,	125 00
	\$393 00

Personal Property of County in Superintendent's Department.

10 Bedsteads and bedding,	\$245 00
Bed clothing,	92 64
Crockery, tin and glass ware,	106 96
Furniture,	320 64
	\$765 24

Account of Cash Received.

Live Stock,	\$1479 96
Produce,	579 74
Labor and board,	316 74
Milk,	166 47
Sundries,	20 09
Flour barrels,	32 76
Wood,	12 50
Old boiler, iron, &c.,	326 55
Bones,	27 72
Hides, tallow, heads and feet,	261 46
	\$3223 99

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PRODUCE

RAISED ON FARM.

English hay,	35 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons.
Meadow hay,	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Corn fodder,	7 "
Cabbage fodder,	3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "
Oat and rye straw,	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Potatoes,	1790 bush.
Carrots,	178 "
Beets,	11 "
Corn,	367 "
Sweet corn,	28 "
Oats,	158 "
Rye,	40 "
Barley,	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Peas,	7 "
Currants,	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Beans,	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
English turnips,	88 "
Tomatoes,	13 "
Squash,	4360 lbs.
Beef, pork and veal,	8857 "
Hides,	830 "
Tallow,	267 "
Manure,	163 cords.
Milk,	5475 galls.

STATISTICS OF INMATES.

Number in the house at the commencement of the year,	140
Admitted during the year,	112
Discharged,	108
Supported,	252
Present number,	144
Average number,	138 2-13ths
Number of children who have been provided with homes,	16

Of the 112 admitted during the year there were

From Manchester,	58
“ Nashua,	15
“ Goffstown,	6
“ Wilton and Sharon three each,	6
“ Hudson, New Boston, Weare, Mont Vernon, Bedford, Milford, and Mason, two each,	14
“ Antrim, Auburn, and Merrimack, one each,	3
	112
Americans,	54
Irish,	53
French,	3
English,	1
German,	1

Of the 144 remaining at the farm there are under 5 years of age,

Number between 5 and 10 years,	22
“ “ 10 “ 20 “	15
“ “ 20 “ 30 “	11
“ “ 30 “ 40 “	12
“ “ 40 “ 50 “	22
“ “ 50 “ 60 “	15
“ “ 60 “ 70 “	21
“ over 70 “	18
Number in the insane department,	16
Idiotic and partially insane,	24

PAUPER EXPENSES OFF THE FARM.

The Year Ending January, 1865.

Paid Amherst, for support of paupers,	\$21 18
" J. Hartshorn, " " "	74 10
" E. Ellenwood, " " "	47 60
" J. P. Fitch, medical attendance,	7 30
" G. W. Moor, " " "	33 33
" Antrim, support of paupers,	118 78
" Bedford,—Adam Chandler,—support of paupers,	18 20
" Bennington, support of paupers,	123 00
" Brookline, " " "	34 80
" Deering, " " " " " " " " " " " "	205 62
" Francestown, " " "	54 20
" Goffstown, " " "	50 62
" J. M. & D. A. Parker, support of paupers,	52 00
" Greenfield, " " "	68 47
" Hancock, " " "	59 25
" Hillsborough, " " "	66 50
" Hollis, " " "	33 67
" Hudson, " " "	18 00
" Lyndeborough, " " "	33 00
" Manchester, " " "	2066 63
" Josiah Crosby & Son, medical attendance,	100 00
" Betsey Sweatt, for support of paupers,	32 25
" Mont Vernon, " " "	41 37
" Milford, " " "	41 45
" Merrimack, " " "	17 10
" Alexander McWilkins, " " "	36 75

Paid Nashua for support of paupers,	820 27
“ E. B. Hammond, medical attendance,	50 00
“ New Boston, for support of paupers,	89 86
“ New Ipswich, “ “ “	43 30
“ Peterborough, “ “ “	37 75
“ Wilton, “ “ “	61 05
“ Weare, “ “ “	211 21
	\$4768 61

Credit by cash received of town of Weare, for support of paupers,	\$150 35
“ by cash received of city of Manchester, for support of paupers,	11 94—162 29

Total cost for support of paupers off the Farm,	\$4606 32
Paid House of Reformation,	\$1608 10
Paid New Hampshire Asylum for Insane,	\$208 48

Stationery.

May term, paid N. P. Greene (probate office),	\$83 04
“ “ “ “ “ “ (register of deeds),	15 25
“ “ “ “ “ “ (clerk's office),	65 04
Sept. “ “ “ “ “ (register's office),	193 77
“ “ “ Wm. H. Fisk,	18 48
1865—January term, paid K. C. Scott,	4 50
“ “ “ John B. Clarke,	6 75
“ “ “ Campbell & Hanscom,	8 12
“ “ “ B. B. & F. P. Whittemore,	6 00
	\$400 95

Miscellaneous.

Josiah Crosby & Son, (county physician,)	\$66 66
Hill & James,	22 00
Gilbert Hills,	8 42
“ “	3 76
“ “	6 00
E. B. Hammond,	33 33
Groves Brown,	48 00
K. C. Scott,	16 50
H. A. Gage,	2 25
David Clement,	20 00
William Shepherd,	12 00
Gilbert Hills, (wood clerk's office,)	12 00
E. S. Cutter,	17 00
Barton & Co.,	59 75
C. R. Cally,	55 00
J. G. Dearborn,	12 00
	\$394 67

EXPENSES AT THE JAIL.

Expenses at the Jail,—building Barn, Vaults, Wells, Sewers, and Grading, including the payment of \$452 32 contracted in 1863.

Cash Received.

Balance of Jail appropriation of 1863,	\$936 24
Received of county treasurer (Jail appropriation 1864),	2164 00
“ “ Charles Chase, for brick sold,	3 00
“ “ E. Ferren, “ “ “	3 85
“ “ J. F. James, for lime and cement,	15 50
Total,	<u>\$3122 59</u>

Expenditures.

1864.		
June—	Paid Shirley & Goss, balance on contract,	\$275 32
Sept.—	“ J. C. Cochran, “ “ “	175 00
June—	“ Manchester Iron Works, for iron pipe,	20 08
	“ E. G. Haynes, labor,	5 00
	“ D. C. Bachelder, labor,	2 50
	“ Temple McQueston, labor and material,	40 82
	“ John Chaplin, labor,	10 50
	“ Temple McQueston, labor and material,	204 55
	“ Manchester Gas Light Co., old bill for gas,	5 18
	“ Wm. H. Fisk, paper hangings,	39 29
	“ J. S. Kidder & Co., lime and cement,	72 75
	“ J. A. Jordan, pump work,	4 75
	“ Hartshorn & Pike, labor and material,	65 77

June—Paid N. E. Morrill, labor,	1 75
“ C. P. Simpson, labor,	1 50
“ Daniels & Co., pumps and lead pipe,	39 23
“ S. S. Moulton, labor,	2 50
“ Lampson & Marden, labor,	5 50
“ D. W. Parker, labor,	6 00
“ Hall & Eastman, lime,	4 30
“ Thomas Chase, iron pipe,	18 27
“ Thomas Chase, iron and lead pipe,	21 44
“ J. F. James, services and cash paid,	76 40
“ Thomas Chase, & Co., “ “	9 12
“ L. S. Proctor, wood,	7 87
“ Gilbert Hills, labor and cash paid,	152 43
“ “ “ “ “ “	68 40
“ “ “ “ “ “	45 49
“ “ “ “ “ “	31 33
“ Temple McQueston, labor and cement pipe,	21 61
“ H. & H. R. Pettee, lime,	2 00
“ J. A. Jordan, pump work,	14 65
“ Hartshorn & Pike, stove and pipe,	89 31
“ J. F. James,	19 20
“ Manchester Gas Light Co.,	1 25
“ Gilbert Hills, building barn and grading as per contract,	1018 54
	\$2579 60
Balance unexpended,	\$542 99

Jailor's Expenses.

1864.—Sept. term.

Paid Gilbert Hills for board of prisoners from May 14, to Oct. 1, 1864, at \$2 per week,	\$502 53
For expense cleaning house and jail, fitting up bunks in new jail, and moving from Amherst to Manchester,	69 00
For clothing, medicine and nursing prisoners from May 14, to Oct. 1, 1864,	147 82
1865.—January term.—For board of prisoners from Oct. 1, 1864, to Jan. 21, 1865, at \$2 per week,	403 04
For clothing, medicine and nursing prisoners from Oct. 1, 1864, to Jan. 1, 1865,	130 40
	\$1252 79

INVENTORY.

*Inventory of Real Estate and Personal Property owned by the
County of Hillsborough, January, 1865.*

Land and buildings in Goffstown,	\$20,000 00
Personal property, " "	14,949 48
Land and buildings in Amherst,	1,000 00
Jail buildings in Manchester,	34,000 00
Oil cloth,	59 75
Two stoves and pipe,	100 00
One large stove and pipe,	54 65
One cook stove,	20 00
Two copper boilers,	30 00
	\$70,313 88

THOMAS CHASE,	}	<i>County</i> <i>Commissioners.</i>
JAMES SCOTT,		
J. F. JAMES,		

INVENTORY.

Inventory of Real Estate and Personal Property owned by the
County of Lincoln, January, 1865.

Land and buildings in Greenwood	\$20,000 00
Personal property	14,018 88
Land and buildings in Amherst	1,000 00
Land buildings in Manchester	24,000 00
Oil land	50 75
Two mares and pigs	100 00
One large stove and pigs	54 05
One cow	20 00
Two sheep	20 00
	\$70,018 88

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